

are saved by faith and not by works. Is after all, our final salvation to depend on what we have done? Is it a salvation of works. Not at all. The question here is not as to works which we may have done, but the one determining question is, how have we treated Jesus? Inasmuch as ye have done it unto me, note this. Not any works that we have done, but our attitude toward the Christ, the Son of God, determines our final destiny. Those who have believed in Jesus, have lived for him, have devoted their lives to his service, have served him by serving humanity, these will be admitted into the kingdom of glory.

#### To Make You Think

1. What does the New Testament say as to the manner of Christ's second coming?
2. What does it say as to the time of his coming?
3. Is the fact that Jesus may come again soon, a comfort to people?
4. Upon what point as to the second coming of Christ are all agreed?
5. What will be the basis of judgment in that day?
6. What have the righteous done that entitles them to the Father's inheritance?
7. Are we saved by works?
8. Could not unbelievers do the deeds of kindness here spoken of?
9. Will the doing of these things save us?
10. Will leaving them undone condemn us?
11. How do you reconcile these statements?
12. What occasions surprise to those who have ministered to Christ?
13. On what ground were those on the left hand condemned—what evil had they done?
14. Must one be grossly wicked to keep him out of the kingdom of heaven?
15. Will a mere negative goodness save us?
16. What part has man in his own salvation?
17. According to New Testament teaching, is it, *Do and live*, or is it, *Live and do*?
18. Can one do the works of Christ without having the life of Christ?
19. Do all who have the life of Christ do the works of Christ?
20. What is man's part in faith? In repentance? In baptism? In regeneration? In conversion? In sanctification or holiness?

#### Lesson Points

##### The Day of Judgment

1. There will be a day of judgment, when Christ shall come to sit on his throne attended by his angels. Let us not forget that we must be ready to meet it.
2. It will be a judgment for all mankind. None can escape it, for all the world will be before God's bar. Sinners may avoid their trial here, but all must meet it there.
3. It will be a separating, dividing judgment, drawing the line between the good and the evil. Here the two are mingled, there they will stand apart.
4. It will be a judgment upon acts and motives; upon acts of kindness to our fellow-men and motives of love to Christ. It will not ask what men believed, but how men lived.
5. It will be a judgment upon opportunities, whether embraced or neglected. Those who have failed to do good will be regarded as having done evil.

6. It will be a judgment of abundant reward and of terrible penalty.

7. It will be a final judgment, with no higher court to reverse its decisions, and all eternity for the carrying out of its sentences.

8. Conduct is the index of character. Nondoing is wrongdoing. Indifference to human need is sin. Sin invites punishment. Will we do right or wrong? Win reward or merit penalty?

#### For the Teachers' Meeting

1. The speaker—Jesus Christ. How much weight it adds to this description when we know from whom it came! The darkest declarations of eternal doom are from the lips of the Lamb of God.
2. The place—Mounl of Olives; a picture of the scene.
3. The time—close of Christ's ministry, his final utterance before the supper.
4. The facts of the lesson: (1) The Judge. (2) The witnesses. (3) The persons on trial. (4) The testimony. (5) The reward. (6) The penalty. (7) The execution of the sentence.

## Our Bible School

### STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

**Monday:** The Heavenly Healer. Matt. 8:14-17. How was Peter's wife's mother healed? What did she do after she was healed? What should we do when saved from sin? In thus healing the sick what prophecy was fulfilled? Preaching and healing. Mark 1:35-45. Did Christ pray to set us an example, or did he have need of prayer? What was the two-fold nature of Christ's mission? Why was not the leper to tell the good news of his healing?

**Tuesday:** The Paralytic of Capernaum. Mark 2:1-12. Into whose house did Jesus enter? If Christ is in our hearts and homes will the fact become known? How was a sick man brought to Christ? What does this suggest as to our helpfulness in bringing others to Jesus? What had this man asked for? What did Christ give him? Do we always get more than we ask for? Which came first, forgiveness or healing? Was the one conditioned on the other?

**Wednesday:** The Feast of Matthew. Matt. 9:9-13. Did Matthew make this feast in honor of what Christ had done for him? Was it lawful to associate with sinners? How far may we make such our associates? For what purpose? The Skin Bottles. Luke 5:33-39. Who is the bridegroom? What do the old bottles represent? What the old garment?

**Thursday:** The Miracle of Bethesda. John 5:1-18. Did Jesus observe the Jewish Passover? Was he obedient to the law? Was this man healed before he made an effort to rise, or was he healed in the effort? Would he have been healed if he had made no effort to rise? Was such healing lawful on the Sabbath day? Who found fault with it? Was sin the cause of this man's sickness? Does sickness indicate some special

sin committed? What two charges were brought against Jesus?

**Friday:** The Discourse of Bethesda. John 5:19-47. Was Jesus equal with the Father? To whom is judgment committed? Why is this so? When do we come into possession of eternal life? Will there be a resurrection of the bad as well as of the good? To what will the resurrection of the bad be? Will the wicked live after this life as well as the good? In what way does Jesus here refer to John the Baptist? What is a greater witness than the witness of John? Where do we find eternal life in the Bible or in Christ? How would faith in Moses lead to faith in Christ? Can one believe in Moses without believing in Christ? How about the Jews?

**Saturday:** The Doctrine of the Sabbath. Matt. 12:1-8. Did Jesus pluck corn on the Sabbath day? Did he defend the disciples for doing so? Was that the same as if he had done it? What is a proper observance of the Sabbath?

**Sunday:** The Withered Hand. Mark 3:1-6.

### SERMONS IN QUAIN TEXTS

BY THE EDITOR

Text: Come to Bethel, and transgress.—Amos 4:4.

Can one transgress in the house of God? And especially can God's people do so? Bethel was the place of worship, and there is where the people were supposed to get into closer and sweeter communion with God, but every time they came there they transgressed. Their worship was sin. They gave to idols the honor which belonged to him who had brought them up out of Egypt and made them a free people. They showed great zeal in offering sacrifices and tithes and free-will offerings, but in this way they only multiplied their sins and heaped the sorer judgments upon themselves. Man can get into that condition when his outward acts of worship are an abomination in the sight of the Lord. When people's religion is a farce, the more they have of it the worse it is for them. When it is mere formality, when the heart is not in it, the more there is of it the greater will be the judgment. We need to take this lesson to heart, for there is danger of running into a formality in which the heart has no part, and then our worship is an abomination in God's sight. Are our hearts in the hymns we sing? Is our spirit in the house of God when our body is there? When we pray are we really talking to God, or are our thoughts somewhere else? Let us see to it that our hearts are pure and then our worship will be pure also.

Text: Josiah was minded to repair the house of the Lord.—II Chron. 24:4.

That was a good thing to get into his mind, for the house of God needed repair. The spiritual condition of people can be fairly well judged by the condition in which they keep the house of God where they worship. People who imagine anything will do as a